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The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 o'clock
a.m., in Room 212, Old Senate Office Building.

Present: Senators Russell (Chairman), Stennis, Symington,
Jackson, Cannon, Byrd of West Virginia, Saltonstall, Smith, and
Beall.

Also present: William H. Darden, Professional Staff Member;
Harry L. Wingate, Jr., Chief Clerk; Herbert S. Atkinson,
Assistant Chief Clerk; T. Edward Braswell and Gordon A. Nease
of the Committee Staff.

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Chairman Russell. This morning we have with us Major General Marshall Sylvester Carter. General Carter has been nominated for appointment as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, with the rank of Lieutenant General. The nomination has been pending the required seven days.

In compliance with our committee precedents, General Carter is present here today. We are pleased to have you, General.

I congratulate you on your selection to fill an exceedingly important position.

We would be glad to have you give the committee, in your own words, a brief summary of your experience, and then some members of the committee will probably have some questions for you.

(The biographical information of General Carter follows:)

STATEMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL MARSHALL S. CARTER
NOMINEE TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

General Carter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for permission to make this statement to the committee.

There has been circulated previously my biographical sketch. I would like to brief it for you.

I was born in Fortress Monroe, Virginia, September 16, 1909. My father was an Army officer and served for 46 years. I attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1931, and subsequently took post graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, obtaining a master of science degree in 1936. I was then an instructor at the United States Military Academy in Natural and Experimental Philosophy.

Shortly after World War II broke out, I was assigned to the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff here in Washington, remaining on that duty until the summer of 1945, when I was assigned to the China Theater as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for G-5.

Chairman Russell. Who was the commander in the China Theater at that time?

General Carter. General Wedem^eyer, Sir.

In 1946 I returned to Washington, and was assigned as Special Assistant and Special Representative for General Marshall, who was then in China. My offices were in the State Department.

When he became Secretary of State, I was assigned as his Special Assistant and remained on that duty for two years. I was then assigned to London, as Deputy Chairman of the European Correlation Committee, and Special Assistant to the American Ambassador.

Subsequent to that assignment, I graduated from the National War College.

In 1950 I was recalled from the Far East to be Executive Director of the Office of Secretary of Defense, a duty I held for two years.

After three years in Alaska, I was assigned as Chief of Staff of the North American Air Defense Command, with headquarters in Colorado Springs.

I subsequently served 13 months in Korea as Chief of Staff of the Eighth Army. My most recent assignment has been Commanding General of the US Army Air Defense Center, and Commandant of the Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

I have been a member of the United States delegation to six international conferences in which either the President or the Secretary of State represented the United States.

Mrs. Carter and I have been married for 28 years, and have three children. Our older daughter is secretary to the District Attorney in Colorado Springs. My son graduates from West Point in June and joins the Marine Corps. My younger daughter is a high school student living with us.

I am not associated in any way with any business or with any commercial enterprise.

The committee members have before them a copy of my ^{meagre}~~major~~ stock holdings. The only company with which the Agency does business is the General Electric Company. I have and now hold 15 shares of General Electric common stock. I have taken steps to dispose of these shares on the assumption that that would be the committee's desire.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Russell. General, you have had a very interesting experience, throwing you in contact with representatives of nearly all of the world powers.

Have you have any intelligence experience?

General Carter. Yes, sir. In 1945 as ^aDeputy Chief of Staff in the China Theater, my division was responsible for the coordination of clandestine operations in the China Theater.

Chairman Russell. In 1945.

General Carter. 1945.

I have been a user of the most closely held intelligence information since 1942.

Chairman Russell. I notice you are what is sometimes called, irreverently called, an Army brat, and your son is going into the Marine Corps.

General Carter. Yes, sir.

Chairman Russell. He is availing himself of the law which

lets a man transfer from one branch to the other.

General Carter. Yes, sir, this is aⁿ initial entry.

He was appointed from Virginia to West Point by Congressman Robeson.

Chairman Russell. Senator Saltonstall.

Senator Saltonstall. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions. I have just this observation.

General Carter, I think you are to be congratulated upon the positions of responsibility that you have been given by people for whom I personally have the highest respect and regard, and the positions that you have held in various sections of the world. Obviously you are a man that people trust and people have confidence in your intelligence and your ability, your ability to keep things to yourself.

So I heartily commend your appointment to this new position.

I personally would not require you to sell the 15 shares of General Electric. It is an infinitesimal holding in a very substantial company. I cannot see how the CIA would have any contact that would make it necessary for you to sell that stock.

Mr. Chairman, I have no further comments.

Chairman Russell. Senator Stennis.

Senator Stennis. Mr. Chairman, I don't have any comment to add to a complete record here.

I am impressed, as was Senator Saltonstall, with men that we personally know at this table that General Carter has served with, which is quite a school in itself -- men like General Marshall and Mr. Lovett and others.

That is all I have.

Chairman Russell. Senator Smith.

Senator Smith. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Russell. Senator Jackson.

Senator Jackson. Mr. Chairman, I merely want to say that General Carter has certainly a wonderful record -- it is a broad one. It is the kind of generals I think we need. I am very much impressed.

Chairman Russell. Senator Beall.

Senator Beall. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions. I have read this very interesting biographical sketch here, and certainly agree with my colleagues.

Chairman Russell. Senator Cannon.

Senator Cannon. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Russell. Well, we are expecting great things of you, General. I am sure you are not going to disappoint us.

General Carter. I will do my best, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Russell. Thank you very much, General.

General Carter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Russell. That concludes the open hearing this morning. The committee will now go into executive session.
(Whereupon, at 10:45 a.m. the committee went into executive session.)